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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MTN, ETRD, IC
SUBJECT: ICELANDIC TARIFF REQUEST ON FISH

1. ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR KROYER CALLED ON AMBASSADOR
MCDONALD TO FOLLOW UP ICELANDIC REQUEST FOR DUTY ELIMINA-
TION OF U.S. TARIFF ON GROUND FISH FILLETS. (ICELANDIC
REQUEST DATED APRIL 26 HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO STR.) AMB.
KROYER POINTED OUT THAT ICELAND WAS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER TO
THE U.S. MARKET OF FROZEN FILLETS FOR RETAIL SALE. HE
SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PRESENT DUTY IS SMALL ITS ELIMI-
NATION BY THE U.S. ICELAND'S MAJOR MARKET, WOULD BE OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. WHILE NOT RULING
OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THIS TARIFF
ITEM, AMB. MCDONALD CITED THE PRESENT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS
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IN THE FISHING SECTOR ARISING FROM THE 200 MILE LIMIT AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS, THE ISSUE OF FISHING RIGHTS AND QUES-
TIONS OF CONSERVATION OF STOCKS.

2. AMB. KROYER RECALLED THAT ICELAND HAD INDICATED ITS
INTENTION TO SUBMIT A TARIFF OFFER WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT,
PROVIDE FOR THE BINDING OF ITS TARIFF SCHEDULE BASED ON A

SERIES OF PHASED TARIFF REDUCTIONS WITH THE LAST STAGE TO BE REACHED IN 1980. ICELAND HAD BEEN WAITING FOR ITS PARLIAMENT TO ACT ON A TARIFF LAW EMBODYING THIS SCHEDULE BUT PARLIAMENT HAS NOW RECESSED WITHOUT TAKING ACTION. KROYER SAID THAT THE ICELANDIC DEL HAS ASKED FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS, RECOMMENDING THAT AN OFFER BE TABLED WITHOUT AWAITING PARLIAMENTARY ACTION. MCDONALD URGED THE ICELANDERS TO TABLE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE LATE STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY REYKJAVIK RE-ENFORCED AMB. MCDONALD'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEED FOR PROMPT TABLING OF THE ICELANDIC OFFER.

4. DRAFTED BY HAMERSCHLAG. MCDONALD

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